

# Gila County



FALL 2017

## RECORDER'S OFFICE HOLDS VOTER OUTREACH ROUNDTABLE

On August 2, the Gila County Recorder's Office held a voter outreach roundtable to facilitate discussion around voter registration efforts on tribal lands, as well as share strategies and best practices.

"This roundtable was the first of its kind for Gila County and we're proud to be helping generate conversation around voter outreach on Arizona's tribal lands," says Gila County Recorder Sadie Jo Bingham.

Representatives from the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission and tribal and county governments such as the Tonto Apache Tribe, Navajo County, Graham County, and others participated in the event.

A number of attendees stressed the importance of an education component accompanying any voter outreach work. Education could look like a hands on demonstration for vote by mail or a visual representation of the candidates. Participants discussed helping educate voters in tribal communities of their potential to make a positive impact in elections as well.

The roundtable also provided an important opportunity for participating agencies to discuss coordinating their messaging before elections in order to cut down on duplicate advertisements.

The Gila County Recorder's Office works closely with the Gila County Elections Department on voter outreach for tribal communities throughout Gila County. Conducting and supporting voter outreach countywide is an essential role of the Recorder's Office. Recorder's Office staff tries to attend as many events as possible throughout the county to perform voter outreach and registration. There are currently 30,304 active voters registered in Gila County.

In addition to voter registration, the Recorder's Office maintains a vast collection of public records. The office's duties related to recording include Downwinders radiation compensation research, military dis-



charges, land transactions, liens, maps, record of surveys and plat maps, record searches, indexing and verifying documents and data entry. Records from February 2, 1985, to the present are available online via the "Recorded Docs" link on the left-hand side of

[www.gilacountyaz.gov](http://www.gilacountyaz.gov). The office is currently working on an image conversion project that will allow them to eventually upload the rest of the documents, dating back to 1881.

In the 16-17 fiscal year, the Gila County Recorder's Office recorded 13,093 documents.

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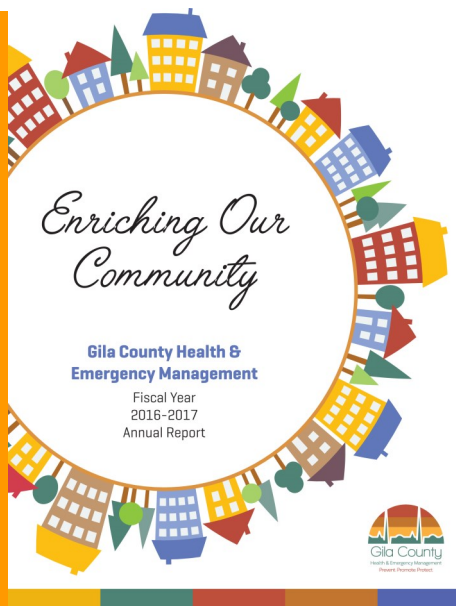
*Our mission at the Gila County Recorder's Office is to efficiently provide courteous customer service while recording, preserving, and retrieving public records; as well as remain committed to maintaining current and accurate voter files, maximizing voter registration and ensure the public's confidence in the election process.*



**Holiday Closures:**

**Veteran's Day**  
**Nov. 10, 2017**  
*(observed)*

**Thanksgiving**  
**Nov. 23 & 24**



The Gila County Health Department released its

## Health and Emergency Management 16-17 Annual Report

**Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Report last month. Gila County Director of Health and Emergency Management Michael O'Driscoll writes:**

"Our priorities this year were obesity, substance abuse, access to healthcare, and sexual health. In addition to fine-tuning programs, we strengthened ties with our community partners and improved outreach, to ensure every action has a noted and lasting effect."

### Key Accomplishments for 2016 include:

#### Health Services:

- Our skilled nurses administered 916 influenza shots, 586 TB skin tests, and 4,662 vaccinations to 2,730 Gila County residents — bringing needed services to 16% more people than in 2015.

#### Environmental Health:

- Our sanitarians conducted 386 inspections to ensure safe food handling in restaurants, pools and spas, community facilities, daycares, and schools, as well as mobile events. We investigated and resolved just 27 complaints — a reduction from previous years that we attribute to our more collaborative approach with owners.

#### Animal Care & Control:

- We increased adoptions by an average of 400% and our "live release" rate of owner surrendered and adoptable animals by 67% for dogs and 52% for cats.

#### Prevention:

- Our prevention specialists facilitated 416 classes in bullying prevention, hand-washing, oral health, life skills, sexual health, tobacco prevention, and safe teen driving.

#### Emergency Management/Public Health Emergency Preparedness:

- We continued to build subscribers for our Everbridge® Communitywide Notification System, enrolling 15,459 residents as of July 1, 2017, and connecting with others through various lists.

Residents can view the report online at [www.gilacountyaz.gov](http://www.gilacountyaz.gov) or pick up a hard copy at the Gila County Health Department in Globe or Payson.

### Contact us:

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Gila County Community Development's **Svanna Jafetsdottir** is a long-time volunteer for Payson's Project WET, which took place in Green Valley Park September 26, 2017. Put on by the Town of Payson and Arizona Project WET, the event teaches fourth graders about water using fun hands-on activities like small working wells (pictured). The students learned about water conservation, watersheds, groundwater, and the water cycle. This year, 218 students and 58 volunteers participated. Jafetsdottir has 19 years of service with Gila County.



Thank you, Gila County residents for a very successful free metal and appliance recycling day on September 9!

- ⇒ Russell Gulch Landfill had 59 vehicles drop off 23,960 pounds, or just about 12 tons.
- ⇒ Buckhead Mesa Landfill had 99 vehicles drop off 78.7 tons.



Summer Youth Program a success,  
one participant even decided to stay with us part  
time!

“Everyone was very pleased with the summer help this year. Leah Rios did an awesome job for us. As always, Desiree Barajas did an awesome job and Jacob Perez did as well. I believe they all learned something and they definitely would be welcomed back next year!” – *Public Works, Shannon Boyer*

“Our Summer Youth was excellent and we were sorry to see her go, wishing the summer had lasted longer. Tatum Howell was smart and a hard worker, and have invited her back. It’s a great program.” – *Community Services, Malissa Buzan*

“We really liked this program. Our summer youth participant, Jake Martin, turned out to be a great help in the office. When the program ended he was interested in still working with our office and has since been hired into an Admin Clerk part-time position while he is in school. He has learned a lot with our office. He is a hard worker and is willing to learn as much as possible.” – *County Attorney's Office, Misty Price*

“Lauren Lopez was a joy to work with. Some of her best qualities are timeliness, professional attire/appearance, and her willingness to learn and work with others. Lauren assisted with many community projects during her time with us. She assisted with Rock the Block back to school event with the Copper Basin Coalition”.— *Health Department, Mariah Campaign*

## Countywide Chip-Seal Project Wraps Up



Gila County completed the chip-seal application portion of a \$562,683 pavement preservation project in the Timber Region on August 17, 2017.

Work began on the August 8, 2017 and included the following areas: Colcord Road, Christopher Creek Road, Hunter Creek Road, Control Road, Johnson Boulevard and FR 512. Overall, over 16 miles of roadway was resurfaced during the project.

In the Copper Region, Gila County completed the chip-seal application portion of a \$75,700 pavement preservation project on Sept. 6. Work began Sept. 5 and included: Jesse Hayes Rd, Acoma Ave, Hopi Ave, Yucca Pl, Kiva Ave, Zuni St, Navajo Ave, Taos St, Pueblo St, Grand View Dr., Wever Circle and Pinal View Dr.

Gila County Public Works provided project management, working with the contractor to ensure things ran smoothly and stayed on schedule.

Gila County would like to thank property owners and businesses in and around the work zones for their patience and cooperation.

Pictured are contractors working on the 512 road during the project.

## 2017 ELECTION

**Hellgate Fire District Residents:** There will be an election on November 7, 2017. This is going to be an all mail out election, meaning every registered voter in this district will be mailed a ballot. If you have any questions please contact:  
Hellgate Fire Department (928) 474-3835

- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 10, 2017
- BALLOTS MAILED OUT: OCTOBER 11, 2017
- ELECTION DAY: NOVEMBER 7, 2017

# Gila County by the Numbers

*In the 16-17 fiscal year...*

*Payson Constables Office of Tony McDaniel* served **1,347** papers, drove **over 26,000 miles**, collected **over \$15,000** in fees.

*Sheriff J. Adam Shepherd's Office Drug, Gang & Violent Crimes Task Force* seized **1095.5 dosages** of narcotic pills, **834 items** of drug paraphernalia & **8.96 pounds** of methamphetamines. *Sheriff's Office Detention Bureau* logged **3,490 bookings & 3,440 releases**. Volunteer groups, *Tonto Rim Search & Rescue* and *Northern Gila County CERT* gave **22,342 hours** countywide for a **total savings** of **\$806,546** for **Gila County**.

*Gila County Community Development* served an average of **35 customers** at the counter **daily**. *Community Development* received **63 new** single family residence **permits**. *Code Enforcement* **opened 325** and **closed 304** code enforcement complaints. *Inspectors* drove **71,000** total **miles**.

*Gila County Community Services-VITA* program **prepared 277** tax returns in Payson for a total of **\$225,364 federal** refund & **\$44,988 state** refund dollars. *Community Action Program* helped with **818 utility services**, including deposit and bill assistance.

*Gila County Facilities* **received 1,152** and **completed 1,131** work orders.

*Gila County Recycling & Landfill Management*: **43,910 tons** of **trash** collected, **610 tons** of **paper**, **8.3 tons** of **electronics**, **354 tons** of **metal recycled**, **2,224 tires** collected from rural sites, worked with the Forest Service on the **"Pack it Out"** program, furnishing **9 bins** and **hauling 16.24 tons of trash** dropped off by campers in order to help keep the forest clean.



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